# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

Department of Health and Human Services 2018

3b. GSA

Committee No.

Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research

Advisory Council 2521

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter Date Date

No 12/04/2018 12/04/2020

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term

FiscalYear? Authority Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Req to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYear Terminate? Pending?

Continue No Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment 13. Effective 14. Commitee 14c.

Authority Date Type Presidential?

WIOA, Rehab Act of 1973, Section

205 07/22/2014 Continuing No

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of** No Reports for this

**Reports** FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

**Meetings and Dates** 

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

#### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The scope of the research and related activities sponsored by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) is extremely broad. Its multi-domain reach expands across all age groups, and is cross-disability in nature. It is important, therefore, that individuals appointed to serve as members of the Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research Advisory Council (DILRRAC) are similarly representative, reflecting diversity in education, vocation, profession, culture, and disability to equip the Council to provide advice to the Director of NIDILRR that is both valid and reliable. This broad diversity, coupled with an experiential base derived from the mix of disciplines, best equips members to serve the Director well. Meetings will be held to solicit input on tasks according to an annual plan that delineates the goals, objectives and purpose. The committee staff will capture the communication between members and NIDILRR leadership. The role of DILRRAC is unique in that its members are actual researchers, practitioners, consumers, advocates, and administrators of programs whose experience and perspective will inform and impact the quality of life of the millions of Americans with disability. The work of this body will directly and indirectly bring attention to the real-world needs, issues, challenges and barriers that the disability community faces on a daily basis.

#### 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council would have been comprised of a minimum of twelve individuals. One-half of the members would have individuals with disability or their representatives. The balance of the membership would have been representative of the communities of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation professionals; disability, independent living, rehabilitation researchers, directors of independent living centers and community rehabilitation programs: the business community, the technology community and the community of school professionals. Members would have been appointed to terms on a staggered basis, with future appointments will be managed such that vacancies will sustain a balanced and representative Council membership.

# 20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

This committee was never stood up and is administratively inactive

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained

#### elsewhere?

These are the stakeholders and benefactors of the research and development work of NIDILRR. One-half of the members would have been individuals with disability or their representatives. The balance of the membership will be representative of the communities of disability, independent living, and rehabilitation professionals; disability, independent living, rehabilitation researchers, directors of independent living centers and community rehabilitation programs: the business community, the technology community and the community of school professionals. The work of this body will bring a unique, real-world perspective that the agency does not typically have access to.

**20e.** Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings? It is anticipated that this committee will not hold closed meetings.

#### 21. Remarks

The DILRRAC membership was never finalized. No meetings ever occurred.

### Designated Federal Officer

Kristi Wilson Hill Deputy Director, NIDILRR

#### **Narrative Description**

The Council would have advised the NIDILRR Director on research priorities and the development and revision of the 5-year strategic plan required by section 202(h) of the Rehabilitation Act. The Committee would have provided input to ensure that the Plan reflects the appropriate funding priorities, and that the goals and objectives are aligned with those of the Department. The Committee would have coordinated with inter-and intra-agency work teams responsible for the administration of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15001 et seq.] and that input is obtained from individuals with disabilities and the individuals' representatives, organizations representing individuals with disabilities, providers of services furnished under this chapter, researchers in the rehabilitation field, and any other persons or entities the Director believes are appropriate. The Council was to also make recommendations to the Director on specific plans for widespread dissemination of the results of research activities, in accessible formats, to rehabilitation practitioners, individuals with disabilities, and the individuals' representatives and individuals with disabilities who are members of minority groups or of populations that are unserved or underserved by programming.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Ap	plies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	
Major policy changes	
Advance in scientific research	✓
Effective grant making	✓
Improved service delivery	✓
Increased customer satisfaction	
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	
Other	
Outcome Comments	
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What are the cost savings associated with this committee?	
Checked if Ap	plies
None	
Unable to Determine	✓
Under \$100,000	
\$100,000 - \$500,000	
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	
Over \$10,000,000	
Cost Savings Other	
Cost Savings Comments	
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What is the approximate $\underline{\text{Number}}$ of recommendations produced by this committee?	ttee
Number of Recommendations Comments	
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What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been will be <u>Fully</u> implemented by the agency?	or

0%

# % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments The DILRRAC membership was never finalized. No meetings ever occurred What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency? 0% % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments The DILRRAC membership was never finalized. No meetings ever occurred Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered? Not Applicable ✓ Yes No **Agency Feedback Comments** The DILRRAC membership was never finalized. No meetings ever occurred What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation? Checked if Applies Reorganized Priorities Reallocated resources Issued new regulation Proposed legislation Approved grants or other payments Other **Action Comments** The DILRRAC membership was never finalized. No meetings ever occurred

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

#### **Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	
Online Committee Web Site	
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	
Other	

# **Access Comments**

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